GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Irregularities under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any report on the irregularities under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon along with the prescribed process for the same;

(c) the number of complaints regarding irregularities under MGNREGS pending for disposal at present, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of funds sanctioned and financial progress under MGNREGS since 2014 to March 2017, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (c): Complaints of irregularities in implementation of MGNREGA in States/UTs are received in the Ministry. Since the responsibility of implementation of MGNREGA is vested with the State Governments/UTs, all complaints received in the Ministry are forwarded to the concerned State Governments/UTs for taking appropriate action including investigation, as per law. Detailed instructions by way of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for complaint redressal have also been issued to all States/UTs. 20 States and 1 UT have formulated Grievance Redressal Rules for dealing with complaints. Steps have been taken to strengthen social audit units and appointment of Ombudsmen in the States. State specific reviews of States are also undertaken from time to time. Officers of the Ministry and National Level Monitors also visit various districts to oversee the performance of MGNREGA. The cumulative pendency of the grievances is monitored at the Ministry level. The State and UT-wise details of complaints as on CPGRAM portal is at Annexure-I.

(d): The Central funds are released to the States/UTs on the basis of agreed to Labour Budget and taking into consideration the performance and the pace of utilization of available funds. The fund release to States/UTs is a continuous process and Central Government is committed to making funds available keeping in view the demand for work. Details of Central fund released and expenditure under MGNREGS since 2014 to March 2017 is given at Annexure-II.

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